

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

# ***POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES***

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## **I. PURPOSE**

Unusual occurrences such as natural and manmade disasters that endanger life and property will be responded to by the joint efforts of police, fire, and emergency services in the Washington County area. This is in accordance with Arkansas Emergency Services Act 511 of 1973.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the Fayetteville Police Department with a policy of program planning to respond to such emergencies.

## **II. POLICY**

### **A. THE FAYETTEVILLE NOTIFICATION PLAN**

1. The Fayetteville Notification Plan provides emergency notification for the following City division heads:

- a. Fire Chief;
- b. Police Chief;

- c. Public Works;
- d. Central Dispatch;
- e. Fayetteville Municipal Airport;
- f. Washington County Emergency Services;
- g. Washington County Sheriff's Department, and;
- h. All local public utilities.

2. The Chief of Police will be the Department representative in the Fayetteville Notification Plan.

3. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for contacting representatives of the public utilities.

4. The Fayetteville Police Department will support local emergency operations by maintaining law and order during disaster situations.

5. The Chief of Police shall

be responsible for planning police assistance to emergency workers, controlling crowds, and directing movement of emergency vehicles.

B. Washington County Emergency Services is the official warning agency for Washington County and will notify the Fayetteville Police Department of any disaster situations.

C. All directions on public information releases are the responsibility of the Chief of Police.

D. The Chief of Police shall meet at least annually with other City division heads and members of the Washington County Emergency Services to review and update emergency contingency plans.

E. Emergency response management planning shall be the responsibility of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall report to and advise the City Mayor of police operations during emergencies.

F. It shall be the policy of the Fayetteville Police Department to provide a contingency plan for the safe and orderly evacuation of people exposed to threat of natural or manmade disaster.

G. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for coordinating Department emergency response activities with other agencies. Together, these agencies are involved in a total evacuation plan for Washington County.

### III. RULE

#### A. DECLARED EMERGENCY

It shall be the policy of the Fayetteville Police Department to have an automatic recall of all uniformed and non-uniformed personnel in the event of an emergency requiring extra manpower.

1. Shift supervisors on duty at the time the emergency is declared will be responsible for contacting off-duty officers.

2. Off-duty officers will report directly to the police department in uniform immediately after notification.

#### B. DANGEROUS WEATHER

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief of Police to ensure that precautions are taken to secure the safety of police department personnel and property in the event of tornados or severe storms.

2. It shall be the policy of the Fayetteville Police Department to prepare for dangerous weather by implementing a recall of off-duty officers.

3. It shall be the policy of the Fayetteville Police Department to properly maintain emergency equipment in a state of readiness.

4. During dangerous weather, shift supervisors will make necessary adjustments to patrol operations to handle emergency calls.

5. Officers will avoid dangerous situations unless acting to save citizens from threat of injury or death.

#### C. TOXIC SPILLS

1. In the event of a toxic spill the Chief of Police will coordinate an evacuation plan with the Fire Chief.

2. The Fire Chief will give the police direction in planning a safe route of transportation of people and traffic from the affected area.

#### D. DISABLED AIRCRAFT

When a disabled aircraft is attempting to land at the airport, or when an aircraft has crashed, the shift supervisor will immediately contact the Chief of Police.

1. Immediately upon notification that an aircraft has crashed, officers with beat assignments which include the airport will respond to the scene to assist emergency vehicles through traffic.

2. No vehicles other than fire or ambulance will go onto the runway without permission from the tower. Permission may be obtained from the Fire Chief.

#### E. CIVIL DISORDER

It shall be the policy of the Fayetteville Police Department to respond to nonviolent civil disorders and demonstrations and other activities in a non-confrontational manner.

1. The shift supervisor in charge will immediately report civil disorder incidents to the Chief of Police.

2. When possible, the shift supervisor should evaluate the feasibility of any arrests at civil disorders.

3. An officer will be placed

in charge of booking all arrests in an area near the scene of the disturbance. This officer shall be in charge of keeping all evidence and property that may arise out of the disturbance.

4. The officer in charge of booking may use a Polaroid-type camera and will attempt to photograph all arrestees and attach the photographs to the arrest report to avoid later confusion over identity of an arrestee.

5. Arrestees will be processed and held in a secure area to await transportation to the designated holding facility.